

HOUSE BILL NO. 472

INTRODUCED BY A. ROME

A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT REOPENING THE OPPORTUNITY FOR A STATE PEACE OFFICER TO TRANSFER MEMBERSHIP FROM THE PUBLIC EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM TO THE GAME WARDENS' AND PEACE OFFICERS' RETIREMENT SYSTEM; AND AMENDING SECTION 19-8-302, MCA; ~~AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE.~~"

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

Section 1. Section 19-8-302, MCA, is amended to read:

"19-8-302. Public employees' retirement system -- transfer of membership. (1) Except as provided in subsections (2) and (4), an eligible peace officer shall become a member of the game wardens' and peace officers' retirement system on the first day of covered service.

(2) A member of the public employees' retirement system who first becomes eligible for membership in the game wardens' and peace officers' retirement system on July 1, 1997, may elect to become a member of the retirement system or may continue membership in the public employees' retirement system by submitting a written election of intent ~~to~~ THAT MUST BE RECEIVED BY the board no later than ~~December 31, 1997~~ June 30, 2003 ~~DECEMBER 31, 2001~~.

(3) A person who is a member of the game wardens' and peace officers' retirement system assigned to law enforcement who transfers to a position involving duties other than law enforcement within the same state agency may retain membership in the retirement system by filing a written election of intent with the board no later than 30 days after transfer to the new position.

(4) A person who is a member of the public employees' retirement system who transfers to a position covered by the game wardens' and peace officers' retirement system may elect to become a member of the retirement system or may continue membership in the public employees' retirement system by filing a written election of intent with the board no later than 30 days after transfer to the new position."

~~NEW SECTION. Section 2. Effective date. [This act] is effective on passage and approval.~~

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